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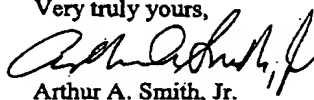
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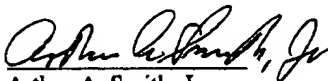
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Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, and has advised that currently claim 1 is generic.

Without agreeing with Examiner's action, Applicants elect the device shown in Figure 1 and described in the specification (pp. 2-3) as their single disclosed species. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 read thereon.

Applicants submit that the other species as defined in claims 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not patentably distinct species and are obvious variants of the invention described and claimed.

Respectfully submitted,



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